

COLUMBIA FALLS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

CITY FIRE HALL

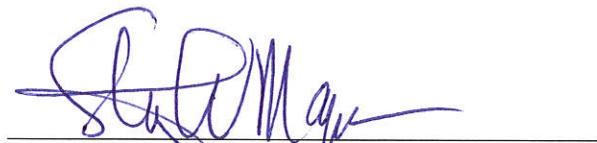
1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - Chairman Marquesen called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Present: Marquesen, Chapin, Price, Soennichsen, and Staaland. Absent: None Also present: City Manager Nicosia, Fire Chief Hagen, and Volunteer Fireman Karl Weeks
2. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a. Approve September 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes – Price made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Chapin. All members voted in favor of the motion.
 - b. Approve March claims and YTD financial reports – Nicosia reviewed the claims and financial reports. Price made a motion to approve the claims and financial reports, second by Chapin. All members voted in favor of the motion.
3. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Training Tower update – Hagen updated the Board on the training tower that was installed at the Rural Hall. The department has trained on the tower once and will train again on April 17th.
 - b. Water Tender (498) update – Hagen reported that the refurbishing of the tender is complete.
 - c. Ladder Truck (441) update – Hagen reported that the 2002 Quint has arrived and is being prepped for service. Training on the quint will take place on April 10th. The total cost to get it to the station was \$120,250. The remaining items will be completed and then the Rural and City will split the cost according to the agreement.
4. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Authorize Call for Bids – Burn Building – Price made motion to approve the call for bids; Chapin seconded the motion, with all members voting in favor. Hagen reported that the estimated cost is \$150,000. Nicosia noted that a special meeting may be needed to award bids.
 - b. Authorize Call for Bids/quotes – Building Addition - Price made motion to approve the call for bids/quotes; Chapin seconded the motion, with all members voting in favor. Hagen reported that the estimated cost is \$80,000.
 - c. Authorize Call for Quotes – Pave road at Station 42 - Price made motion to approve the call for quotes, Chapin seconded the motion, with all members voting in favor. Hagen reported that the estimated cost is \$65,000.

d. Surplus Engine 432 – Hagen reported that the 1993 Central States Pumper is no longer needed as a reserve engine and recommended that the Board surplus this piece of equipment. Hagen reported that he would move the hose and equipment to the quint. Soennichsen made a motion to surplus Engine 432, the 1993 Central States Pumper, and dispose of as allowed by state law, second by Price. All members voted in favor of the motion. Nicosia noted that the next step is to give public notice of the Board's intent to surplus the engine.

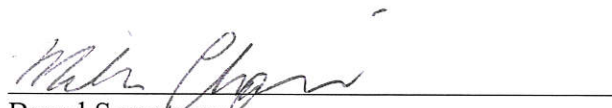
5. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND STAFF

- a. Fire Chief Activity Report – Hagen reviewed the monthly fire calls and activity. Report attached.
- b. Chairman Marquesen discussed the strategy for future operation of the fire department.

6. ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.


Board Chairman

Attest:


Board Secretary

Columbia Falls Rural Fire Protection

Chief's Report 3/25/19



1. CFFD currently has 24 active volunteer firefighters on the roster. Two new applications pending.
2. CFFD ended 2018 with 307 incidents and has been dispatched to 69 incidents so far in 2019. Attached paperwork is through February
3. 498's refurbishment is completed. We're very satisfied so far. It is a better tender now.
4. The training tower is completed. We used it once before the weather turned bad.
5. The 2002 HME/Central States quint (441) is here; working to get it set up, lettered and get firefighters trained. Got oil changed. Found it had four radios still on board, all missing the heads. One of them should work for our second radio. Tech here tomorrow to install a head on dash and check out. The UHF may be useful to Jack Spillman at the county. The other two are low band, may be able to sell on internet.
6. Regarding 441, we need to emphasize to public that we had a need for the capability to provide an elevated stream on some fires and possible rescue from high structures. Weyerhaeuser MDF, Meadow Lake Resort, Cedar Creek Lodge, multiple apartment buildings, Stoltze Lumber Co., etc. We went with the 105' ladder for the reach, not just the height. A new apparatus like this would cost almost a million dollars. We paid \$120,250 to get it to our station. It should last at least 10 years.
7. The road is roughed in around the training tower. Hope to get part of the road paved and part used asphalt this spring/summer.
8. I am working with Jim Henjum, an engineer here in town, to develop a bid document for the live fire burn building. He says he'll have it in April.
9. Station 41 heating system had a problem this winter. The zone valve for the main floor quit. The slab cooled off which allowed the water line to the tender recharge tanks to freeze. The back-up overhead heater worked great and kept the building warm. Got the zone valve replaced and the line thawed out. Everything is working properly now.
10. Would the board agree to surplus 432, the 1993 Central States pumper at the rural station? I would move the hose and equipment to the quint 441. 431 would be set up as its replacement. I had originally recommended we keep 432 as a reserve but now I don't think it's worth it.

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Columbia Falls Fire Department Incident Breakdown

2018	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2018
Dispatches	20	44	35	16	31	29	31	40	29	25	15	18	333	Dispatches
ALS Medical Total	3	1	2	1	1	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	16	ALS Medical Total
BLS Medical Total	5	5	10	6	9	6	7	10	6	5	1	3	73	BLS Medical Total
Medical CPR	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	Medical CPR
Medical ALS	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	Medical ALS
Medical BLS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Medical BLS
Medical Lift Assist	3	4	6	3	6	4	1	6	3	2	0	1	39	Medical Lift Assist
MVA with injury	1	0	1	2	0	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	12	MVA with injury
Extrication	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	Extrication
Ambulance Driver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ambulance Driver
MVA non injury	2	2	3	2	4	1	5	3	2	2	0	1	27	MVA non injury
Airport Emergency	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Airport Emergency
Traffic Control	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	Traffic Control
HazMat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	HazMat
Hazardous Conditions														Hazardous Conditions
CO	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	5	CO
Gas Leak/Odor inside	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	1	2	0	0	11	Gas Leak/Odor inside
Gas Leak/Odor outside	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	2	10	Gas Leak/Odor outside
Powerline	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	8	Powerline
Other	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	Other
Service	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	6	Service
Good Intent	1		1	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	3	1	17	Good Intent
Fire Alarm	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	7	Fire Alarm
False Alarm	1	3	0	0	1	3	3	2	3	3	1	2	22	False Alarm
Illegal burn	1	0	0	0	4	1	2	5	2	1	0	2	18	Illegal burn
Smoke Investigation, outside	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	Smoke Investigation, outside
Smoke Investigation, inside	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	Smoke Investigation, inside
Cancelled enroute	2	18	14	6	9	7	4	8	8	4	5	5	90	Cancelled enroute
Fire, residential	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	1	1	12	Fire, residential
Fire, chimney	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Fire, chimney
Fire, commercial	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	Fire, commercial
Fire, vehicle	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	7	Fire, vehicle
Fire, vegetation, grass	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	1	0	8	Fire, vegetation, grass
Fire, vegetation, wildland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	Fire, vegetation, wildland
	-3	-12	-7	-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-26	
Dispatch Totals	20	44	35	16	31	29	31	40	29	25	15	18	333	Dispatch Totals
Structure fires	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	1	1	12	Structure fires
Acres burned	0	0	0	0	0	0.15	5.56	0	0	0.25	0	0	5.96	Acres burned